



## **Cobra Families,**

March has been a busy and very successful month for your Soldiers in B Company. We just finished a series of operations targeting enemy leadership in our Area of Operations. Due to the professionalism and skill of your platoons, each one of these operations was a huge success. Hand in hand with our Iraqi partner company, we caught the individuals we were looking for and have taken them off the streets.

PFC Ratz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, was slightly injured on one of these raids. Fortunately, his injuries were not serious. He walked off of the objective and returned to duty the following day.

We have begun several large projects in our area as well. For every raid we conduct, it is critical that we follow-up with a project that benefits the community. This two-pronged approach, both lethal and non-lethal operations, is paramount to our long-term success here. This combination of offensive operations followed by projects has kept the enemy on his heels. A few more well-placed pushes, and we'll knock him over. Disregard the the sensationalism on the nightly news. From the perspective of a company engaged in the close fight, the insurgency is on its last legs.

### **PROMOTIONS**

#### **PVT to PV2**

PV2 Dylan Shanta – 1<sup>st</sup> PLT (VIPER)  
PV2 Johnathan Yates – 2<sup>nd</sup> PLT (PYTHON)

#### **PV2 to PFC**

PFC Chase Serra – HQ PLT (FIST)

#### **PFC to SPC**

SPC James Alvarez – 1<sup>st</sup> PLT (VIPER)

SPC Timothy Bozek – HQ PLT (FIST)  
SPC Hector Casarez – 2<sup>nd</sup> PLT (PYTHON)  
SPC Alan Traverse – 3<sup>rd</sup> PLT (RATTLER)

#### **SPC/CPL to SGT**

SGT Humberto Guzman – 3<sup>rd</sup> PLT (RATTLER)  
SGT Abbie Lopez – 1<sup>st</sup> PLT (VIPER)

#### **SGT to SSG**

SSG Jason Bunzel – 1<sup>st</sup> PLT (VIPER)  
SSG Anthony Fisher – 1<sup>st</sup> PLT (VIPER)  
SSG John McClenic – 3<sup>rd</sup> PLT (RATTLER)

#### **SSG to SFC**

SFC Christopher Scott – HQ Plt.  
Congratulations to SSG(P) Brad Nylander on making the E-7 (SFC) list! We look forward to pinning him in the near future.

#### **1LT to CPT**

CPT Jason Olander – HQ PLT (XO)

### **BABIES**

No new Cobras this month.

### **RE-ENLISTMENT**

Congrats to the following soldiers for staying Army.

SSG Chris Courtney – 1<sup>st</sup> PLT  
PFC Justin Scantling – 3<sup>rd</sup> PLT  
SSG Scott Rowlette - HQ  
SSG Johnny Tinsley – 2<sup>nd</sup> PLT

### **PERSONNEL MOVES**

We say farewell to LT Chris Smith as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon Leader. LT Smith has been with this company for a long while and has had quite a run with the Rattlers. Originally commissioned in the Army as a Military Intelligence officer on loan to the Infantry, they are asking for him back. Chris will continue the fight as an intelligence officer somewhere in the Division. Thanks to LT Smith for a job well done!!!



We welcome LT Leon Satchell back to the Cobras. LT Satchell will pick up where LT

Smith left off as the new Rattler Platoon Leader. Welcome back, LT Satchell.



PFC Chris Tolman, 3<sup>rd</sup> plt, patrols a local market.



SGT Adrian Santana, 3<sup>rd</sup> plt, provides security while the company leadership conducts an ad-hoc meeting at a local tea shop (chai shop).

### **HEROES of the WEEK**

The following soldiers were recognized for outstanding performance while conducting combat missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. These are the soldiers going above and beyond during the conduct of their duties.

SGT David Barnes – 3<sup>rd</sup> PLT  
PFC Manuel Marti – 2<sup>nd</sup> PLT  
SPC Dustin Long – 1<sup>st</sup> PLT (VENOM)  
SPC Mike Cisneros – 2<sup>nd</sup> PLT  
SPC Kenneth Day – 1<sup>st</sup> PLT (VENOM)

***Our heartfelt thanks to all of you at home.***

***Cobras Stand Alone.***  
CPT Colin Brooks



The consummate professional, SFC Kenneth Hignight, provides security vicinity Haswah, Iraq.



Soldiers from the Python Platoon, SPC Brian Engel on the right, keep a vigilant eye on Eskin, Iraq.

Arba'een, a major Shia religious event, was a large security mission for B/2-8. Here we see just a fraction of the thousands of pilgrims that traveled safely through our area.

